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PLANS TALK TO CUBANS IN ORANGE BOWL

922 Kin Arrive from Havana

BULLETIN

Palm Beach, Dec. 27 (AP) — President Kennedy will go to Miami Saturday to see the 1,113 freed Cuban invasion prisoners at a special ceremony in the Orange bowl. The visit is scheduled for 9:30 a. m.

Plans for the president's trip were announced here by five invasion survivors who visited the holiday White House to meet with Kennedy. The delegations said they came to thank Kennedy for his part in winning their freedom and to invite him to the ceremony.

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(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Miami, Dec. 27—The American freighter African Pilot arrived today with 922 Cuban refugees, the largest single mass exodus from Premier Fidel Castro's communist island.

The refugees, mostly women and children, are relatives of the 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners Castro freed under a \$3 million dollar ransom deal.

The ship, on loan to the Red Cross from the American Steamship Lines, docked shortly after 8 a. m. Chicago time at nearby Port Everglades after an uneventful 13 hour trip from Havana.

Chicago Nurses Aboard

The first to disembark were nine cases of contagious diseases, mainly measles, detected last night by two former Chicago nurses, Jean Cranch and Aileen M. Jullson, who were

part of the Red Cross volunteer team that had been flown to Havana yesterday to return on the ship.

There were 11 stretcher cases. The passengers included 242 children.

As soon as the refugees were processed thru immigration and customs, the Red Cross gave them toilet articles, and shopping bags containing oranges, apples, sandwiches, milk, cakes.

Taken to Miami

Within three hours of their arrival, the Cubans were taken by bus to Dinner Key auditorium in Miami, where they were reunited with their relatives amid scenes of emotion and joy.

Some of the refugees were outspoken in their happiness and gratitude. Others could not believe that they no longer had to fear Castro's communist terror.

"It's a miracle we are here," said Mrs. Jose Delgado, whose son, Roman, 28, was captured in the invasion. Her husband said, "Anything outside of Cuba looks like heaven."

Youngest 21 Days Old

The youngest refugee was 21 days old and the oldest was a 90-year-old grandmother. She is Mrs. Angela Ceballos, whose granddaughter, Mrs. Virginia Betancourt, is a member of the Cuban families committee. Mrs. Betancourt's father, Miguel, 62, gave up his awning factory in Havana to join his daughter.

Mrs. Betancourt's husband was released from the Isle of Pines prison last Monday night.

Three of the six children of Mrs. Juana Fraga Lopez came down with the measles. The whole family was taken to Jackson Memorial hospital and placed in an isolation ward.

Help Children Down

Silver helmeted longshoremen, Negro and white, helped to carry down the first children to be removed from ship. The mothers, removing their shoes, followed with the assistance of other longshoremen.

The longshoremen also aided the ailing and two per-

sons, a man and woman, down the gangway. The stretcher cases were moved quickly away in four ambulances.

Not all of the liberated prisoners were lucky enough to greet their relatives at Dinner Key auditorium. They waited in vain for the names of their loved ones to be called over the public address system. The relatives were not among the African Pilot's passengers.

Plans Another Trip

Mrs. Betancourt said that she expected another refugee ship to arrive in about a week or about a month. She said she would be glad to help with the unloading of the cargo if it came.

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